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LETTER

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SIR:

On May 2, 2001, in response to an Official Action dated December 4, 2001, Attorney for Applicant submitted an Amendment, a Petition to Extend Time for two months, a Declaration Under Rule 132 by Dr. Renzo Brozzo, and a Notice of Appeal relating to the above-identified application, together with a \$350.00 check in payment of the fees associated with the Extension of Time and Notice of Appeal. Unfortunately, because of an inadvertent error, an incorrect serial number, 09/126,122 instead of the correct number 09/125,122, was used on all documents except for the Declaration.

When we received the return postcard which indicated that the Patent Office had received the above-listed documents, our docketing department noted the error in the serial number. We then telephoned the Examiner, who was very helpful and confirmed that the papers had not been placed in the proper file and suggested that they be resubmitted.

Accordingly, Applicants request that the previously filed papers be considered withdrawn, and submit herewith a new set of the above-listed documents, updated to reflect that a three-month, rather than a two-month, extension of time is required. To reflect this change, the total fees required are now \$600.00, and a check in that amount is included herewith. Please refund the \$350.00 previously submitted to Deposit Account No. 02-4377; a duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

In addition, the telefacsimile version of the Declaration is now replaced by the original executed version.

An early allowance is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ronald B. Hildreth", written over a horizontal line.

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